

Arlington Council on Aging

Meeting Minutes June 16, 2016

Present: Mara Klein Collins, Jim Munsey, Noreen Murphy, Paul Raia, Ann Fitzgerald, Dick Phelps, Jill Greenlee, and Marge Vanderhill.

Associate member present: Bob Tosi. Friends Representative: Bob McInnes

I. Call to order: The regular meeting of the Council on Aging Board was called to order by Mara Klein Collins at 6:01PM on June 16, 2016, at 27 Maple Street, Arlington, MA. Sue Culhane has resigned from the Board. Rick Fentin has agreed to begin the process of being approved as a member.

Citizen's Open Forum: No one present.

II. Old Business

A. Feasibility Study/Recap of June 15 meeting...positive feedback

1. June 30th and July 14th: Susan and Christine will host an one hour discussion each day.
2. Architects have rennovated/built 17 seventeen senior centers. Recommend a visit to Wakefield Sr. Center which has been rehabbed.
3. Try to get the senior population involved: what can they do and who to contact.

B. EOEA Board training regarding delinquent seniors (taxes) with the Assessor's office. Susan has regular and ongoing contact.

III. Report of the Chair

A. ACMI: Jim and Mara joined Susan on air and presented a modified power point presentation. Mara finished by reiterating the need for Arlington seniors to advocate for increased funding for the COA as the senior population grows. Jim invited them to the Feasibility Study meeting on June 15th.

B. AARP Age Friendly Communities Sandy Albright, State President had to postpone her presentation due to personal reasons. We will meet over the summer with a sub committee of up to five members. I recently met Valerie Spain, Program Specialist for AARP who will be working with us on this initiative. I will be talking to her in the next week or two to give her background.

IV. Executive Directors Report: May-June 2016

A. Semester ended for the 6 nurses. Thank you to Mark Waksmonski for his preceptor role.

B. Academic year ended for SW intern. Thank you to Lourie August for her preceptor role. Kailey Face was at the COA for the entire academic year.

C. Executive Director met with League of Women Voters to discuss how to reduce obstacles for registered voters living in Arlington Housing Authority. The focus was on transportation.

D. Stroke Awareness month is May. ED and stroke nurse at Mount Auburn filmed a segment on "Living Out Loud".

E. ED met with Alex Graham, Director of Protective Services at EOEA along with Jonathan Fielding, Protective Officer at EOEA. Discussion around the Bankers Forum on May 25. This is a very exciting opportunity to bring bankers, law enforcement, and COA together to build capacity at the community level. This is not open to the public.

F. Collaboration between COA and MMSS to showcase breakfast foods that will be available to residents at Drake Village has been posted from May 17 to May 25. This program is now anticipated to go "live" in June.

G. Farmers Market program sponsored by Lahey is still on target for a mid-June start.

H. Transportation budget (CDBG) was cut again. A subcommittee consisting of Bob Tosi, Noreen Murphy, Jim Munsey, and Mara will meet and decide on a plan.

V. Other Reports

Friends of the COA: Ann suggested that the demographics from the COA presentation be presented to the Friends. Bob suggested the COA and Friends find other ways to raise money. Jim said a casino night has been successful in the past. The 5k Race is scheduled for September 11th.

VI. Minutes of the May 19, 2016, were accepted. Jim Munsey so moved and Marge seconded.

VII. New Business: Election of new officers

Mara and Jim were reelected as chair and vice chair and Marge as the secretary. A motion was so moved by Noreen Murphy and seconded by Jill Greenlee. Many thanks to Sue Culhane for her service.

VIII. The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.